

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

27. (Amended) A porous free-flowing [fungal] microbial granulate formed by extrusion which consists essentially of intact dead microorganisms or dead microbial cells obtained by mechanical extrusion of a microbial biomass, the granulate having a structure that allows a solvent access, via the pores, to the intact dead cells to isolate or extract a compound therefrom.

Cancel claim 30.

31. (Amended) A composition according to claim 29 or [30] 54 wherein the granular particles or dried granules are extruded.

33. (Amended) A composition according to [any one of claims] claim 29 or 54 [to 31] wherein the granular particles or dried granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times the diameter.

Please add the following claim:

--54. A composition which comprises dried porous granules consisting essentially of dead microbial cells, the dried granules being obtained by drying granular particles, themselves obtained by granulating a microbial biomass, said resultant dried granules having a dry matter content of at least 80% and a structure that allows, via the pores, solvent access to a compound contained within the intact dead cells to isolate or extract the compound therefrom.--